BEGIN AGGRESSIVE FIGHT FOR SHIP-PURCHASE BILL

Majority Members of Senate Commerce Committee Vigorously Recommend Measure.

ALSO COMMENDED BY REDFIELD

Increases in Rates and Falling Off

n Congress for passage of the govern-ment ship purchase bill to free Amer-can commerce from European war lim-can commerce from European war limin Congress for passage of the governcommerce from European war lim itations, majority members of the Sen-ate Commerce Committee to-day filed a report recommending the measure in vigorous terms and transmitting a war risks shut off the movement of

attendant falling off in ocean tonnage facilities. The committee predicted that enactment of the ship purchase bill would go far to relieve that situabilities we now stand. "Indeed, so vital is the present time to America that it seems as if we were in the very transition from being adolter to a creditor nation, and the

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family in old Blandford.

For the past eight years Mr. Allen had charge of the local office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and was one of the best known men in the business. known in both business and social cir-

mas truce between the hostile trenches:

"On Christmas Eve we were shouting across 'Merry Christmas' and other friendly greetings. They shouted 'don't shoot until New Year's Day.'

"On Christmas morning the weather show was the widow of James W. Ratcliff, and is survived by four daughters and two sons, Mrs. W. B. Fox, Miss Carrie B., Mrs. R. L. Chenery and Mrs. H. N. Wingfield and Messrs. John S. and James W. Ratcliff, Jr. The funeral will take place from the residence at were all unarmed. James W. Ratcliff, Jr. The funeral will take place from the residence at were all unarmed.

9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning and the interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery, following the arrival of the 11:30 train at Elba Station.

We got so close that five of them and five of us met and had a talk. They nearly all spoke English.

"After Christmas dinner nearly all our boys went out in front, where we found the Germans also had turned up force. The result was a huge mixed.

Mrs. Martha Anderson Tyree, wife of Walter P. Tyree, Sr., died at 11 o'clock this morning at St. Andrews Hospital, where she underwent an operation nearly n-month ago. Mrs. Tyree was the daughter of the late Colonel Logan and Mrs. Elmira, Anderson, prominent where she underwent an operation nearly n-month ago. Mrs. Tyree was the daughter of the late Colonel Logan and Mrs. Elmira Anderson, prominent residents of Halifax County, in which county she was born. She was seventy years of age. Surviving her are husband and the following children.

J. L. Tyree, Mrs. C. H. Almond, w. P. Tyree, Jr., Mrs. E. R. Bell, C. A. Tyree, S. W. Tyree, R. A. Tyree and N. L. Tyree, of Lynchburg. Her surviving brothers and sisters are as follows: Nathan Anderson, of Clifton Forge, Mrs. Louis Jenkins, of Lynchburg; Joel T. Anderson, Charles G. Anderson and John Anderson, of Halifax County; Mrs. L. T. Roane and Mrs. Curtis Roane, of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Rena Roane, of Gloucester County.

Mrs. Christine Rode.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 30.—Mrs. Rode is survived by the following children: Miss Annie Rode and Mrs. Rode is survived by the following children: Miss Annie Rode and Mrs. J. Wyatt Davis, of Lynchburg, and Otto Rode, of Campbell County, Mrs. Rode is survived by the following children: Miss Annie Rode and Mrs. J. Wyatt Davis, of Lynchburg, and Otto Rode, of Waynesboro, Va.

William J. Knoil.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

William J. Knoil.

Captain Willis T. Cheek.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WELDON, N. C., December 30.—Captain Willis T. Cheek, for more than twenty-five years one of the most widely known conductors on the Seaboard Air Line, died at his home here this morning, aged sixty-nine years. He was well known in Richmond and Norfolk. Captain Cheek entered the Confederate service at the age of seventien years and served his country loyally till the end of hostilities. He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Mrs. D. E. Stainback, of Weldon, and Mrs. Frank Von Sprecken, of Augusta, Ga. Arrangements have been made for the funeral on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WELDON, N. C., December 30.—Captain Willis T. Cheek, for more than twenty-five years one of the seaboard Air Line, died at his residence, No. 117 East Cary Street, on December 29, at 9:15 P. M., O. A. FRANCIS, son Charles City County, Va., born December 3, 1832. He leaves a devoted wife and one son, James B. Francis, of Norfolk, Va.

Funeral from Leigh Street Baptist Church THURSDAY, December 31, at 3 o'clocg P. M. No flowers.

Conn.) papers, please copy.

WAKEHAM—Died at New York December 29, REV. RICHARD WAKE-HAM.

Funeral services will be held in the Cathedral, New York City, THURS-

Mrs. Salife E. Pointer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 30.—

Mrs. Salile E. Painter, wife of W. M.
Painter, died at her residenc at Ivanhoe
yesterday of pneumonia, aged seventyfive years. She was the daughter of
H. M. Hatcher, o Rockbridge County,
was married in 1856 and moved to her
present home, where she had since resided. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. S. S. Simmerman, of Wytheville; Mrs. W. M.
Miller, of Herndon, Va.; two sons,
Davis Painter, of Draper's Valley, and
W. H. Painter, of Radford. The funeral
was held to-day at the home, and interment was in the cemetery at Ivanhoe.

steel entered into keen competition abroad with German and English prod-

ucts.
"You cannot imagine Germany England continuing permanently to transport on favorable terms American goods on any such scale as to seriously threaten German or English industrial markets," the letter continued. MONEY AND MERCHANDISE

"Like an ostrich with its head in the sand we have put our money and mer-chandise at the risk of the European war. American capital invested in ships under European flags can be and has been destroyed by the acts of hos-

in Tonnage, it Is Predicted, Will
Be Greatly Relieved by Enactment
of Proposed Statute.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Inititing the aggressive fight to be waged

were not owned by American capital, has been lost or injured when such vessels have been such or held up and types. ating the aggressive fight to be waged vessels have been sunk or held up and

"We know now that our commerce. vigorous terms and transmitting a commendatory letter from Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

The committee report, filed by Acting Chairman Fletcher, quoted the report submitted yesterday by Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield, showing enormous increases in ocean transportation rates since the war began, and attendant falling off in ocean tonnage.

"Unquestionably," says the report, "if we had additional ships under the American flag the situation would rapidly limprove and much of the distress of producers, business men and bankers, not only in the South, but throughout the country, would be relieved. The need is urgent."

Secretary Redfield in his letter, writing to Senator Fletcher to accompany to the senator ships and so shipping to our lending that hand of financial fellowship to our fellow republics in Latin America, which they so much need and by which we should tie them to ourselves in commercial bands of steel which would endure to the great gain of all our people.

"Not only are goods hampered by absence of shipping, but they also are a debtor to a creditor nation, and the possibility opens to our lending that hand of financial fellowship to our

Secretary Redfield in his letter, written to Senator Fletcher to accompany the report, declared that for years the United States ocean shipping had been in the hands of its competitors "like a department store, without any delivery system except such as competitors were willing to supply."

The result was easily to be foreseen, banks of the result was easily to be foreseen, banks of the result was easily to be foreseen, banks of shipping as takes place. Our competitors, who control our ocean terminal facilities (for such and no more are ocean steamships companies as related to railways) have The result was easily to be foreseen, he argued, when twenty years ago harefrom goods displaced German products in second place among South African sales, and American iron and couble or more. There are ports in Europe to day that eagerly seek our Europe to day that eagerly seek our Europe to-day that eagerly seek our cotton, and we know that our brethren in the South anxiously desire to sell William Boyd Allen.

William Boyd Allen, manager of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, who died on Tuesday afternoon at Warrenton, N. C., will be buried to-day at noon in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, will officiate.

Mr. Allen was fifty years of age, and had made his home at the Chesterfield Apartments. He went recently to Warrenton to recuperate from a severe illness. When the end came, his wife and only child, Miss Louise Allen, were at his bedside. The remains were taken to Petersburg, where Mr. Allen was born, and will rest beside those of his family in old Blandford.

For the past eight years Mr. Allen & For the past eight years Mr. Allen & Hostile Trenches.

tion of Unofficial Truce Between Hostile Trenches.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, December 30.—A British soldier, writing home, gives the following description of the unofficial Christmas truce between the hostile trenches:

Mrs. Martha Anderson Tyree.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 30.—
[rs. Martha Anderson Tyree, wife of County of the German officers came of the German officers came

Vessel Released Immediately.

William J. Knoll.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 30.—

William J. Knoll, aged fifty-three years, who for years engaged in the meat business here, died this morning at 6 o'clock at the Lynchburg Hospital.

Mr. Knoll lived in Campbell County.

Wessel Released Immediately.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Owners of the steamer Carolyn, which sailed from Boston December 14, for Bremen, with 5,000 bales of cotton, received word to-day from the British Admiralty that the vessel had been examined at Falmouth, released immediately.

HAM.
Funeral services will be held in the Cathedral, New York City, THURS-DAY, December 31, 10 o'clock. Interment at the Wakeham Cemetery, Columbia, Va., Friday, January 1 at 1 o'clock. The remains will leave Richmond on the 9:10 C. & O. train for Columbia. On the arrival of the train at Columbia services will be held in the church built by Father Wakeham on his estate. Interment will follow immediately after the conclusion of the service. R. I. P.

ALLEN—Died, at Warrenton, N. C., after several weeks' lilness, at 4 P. M. Tuesday, December 29, WILLIAM BOYD ALLEN, manager of the Prudential Insurance Company of America at Richmond, Va., since 1908. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Louise Allen, Funeral notice later.

WANTS U. S. TO CUT OFF EXPORT OF WAR MATERIAL

Representative Vollmer Asserts This AT RISK OF EUROPEAN WAR Would End European Conflict in Three Months.

QUESTION ONLY OF POLICY

Right of Congress to Impose Em-since the war began aggregated \$150,bargo is Fully Established, He 000,000.

Says—Allegating Established of "I am convinced," he said, "that by

WASHINGTON, December 20.—That the United States could end the European war in three months by cutting off export of war material, was the assertion of Representative Vollmer, of Iowa, to-day before the House Foreigh Affairs Committee. With Representative Bartholdt, he indorsed a resolution to authorize the Decident

olution to authorize the President in his discretion to prohibit such exports. "President Wilson," he said, "suspended the embargo of export of arms and munitions to Mexico in the interests of true neutrality as against neutrality on paper."

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Senate

traity on paper."

Senator Hardwick led the defense of the test, the said he favored it as a protection to American labor against unfair competition, and as an aid to securing an intelligent electorate. The result this resolution is in line with the historic reputation of this nation as the greatest advocate of peace. It is not in line with that reputation to supply the instruments of murder to supply the deather t

"There is only one nation whose lines of national interest are hopelessly opposed to ours. I do not hesitate to predict that Japan proposes to hold, not only Giaochou, but the islands of the sea which she has seized. She desires to secure the unlimited possibilities of the rapidly developing trade of China, as against the world. Some day this issue must be tried out in the Pacific and it may be to the interest of this country te have a powerful friend at her side."

The usual New Year reception will take place at the Country Club of Virginia this afternoon from the test country Club of Virginia this afternoon from the country of the country Club of Virginia this afternoon from the country of the country Club of Virginia this afternoon from the country of the country of the country club of Virginia this afternoon from the country of the country of the country of the country club of Virginia this afternoon from the country of the

with the yellow race is not a good omen for our future in the Pacific.
We are now selling our neutrality for SPENT NEARLY \$500, British gold."

"Is it your contention that while technically neutral, we are really one of the allies, supplying the bullets for the other allies to shoot?" asked Rep-resentative Cooper.

"I believe we are particeps criminis," replied Mr. Bartholdt, "In the maiming and killing of men, the making of widows and orphans and the prolongation of the war. Twenty-five million of our people believe we are now waging war against Germany."

Says—Alienating Friendship of cutting off the exportation of these war supplies we can bring the war to a close very soon."

SENATE CONTINUES DEBATE

WASHINGTON, December 30 .- Debate on the literacy test section of the immigration bill continued to-day in the Senate. A vote is expected to-

Representative Vollmer emphatically declared: "Germany cannot be beaten in this war. Her people are united and determined to fight to the last drop of blood. If this war continues it will go on and on until all the world is dragged down to bankruptcy.

JAPAN HOPELESSLY

OPPOSED TO THIS NATION

"There is only one nation whose lines of national interest are hopelessly to the said Congress should go a step for the said congress should go a step f

Flood.

"I believe, and persons who have been in Germany say," replied Representative Vollmer, "that the Germans look with grave displeasure on shipments of arms to the allies."

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Note that the Country Club of Virginia this afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock Mrs. Thomas Branch McAdams, Mrs. Horace S. Hawes, Mrs. Granville Gray and Mrs. R. G. Cabell will preside at the punch bowl.

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Will Receive Daughters of 1812. Mrs. William Gerry Slade, of New York, president-general of the United States Daughters of 1812, will be at the ments of arms to the allies."

Representative Bartholdt told the committee that by "dollar neutrality" the United States was alienating the friendship of Germany and Austria.

"That friendship has been unbroken since the beginning of this government." he said. "We ought to preserve it. The alliance of Great Britain o'clock New Year's night.

Mrs. William Gerry Slade, of New WINNSBORO, LA., December 30.—A bandit entered the State Bank, of Wilnsboro, here to-day, and, covering the cashier with a revolver, seized \$1,000 and escaped. The cashier was alone. A posse pursued the robber, but at a late hour to-night he had not been apprehended.

SPENT NEARLY \$500,000

Than \$40,000 in Georgia, Largest Total in Any One State, and \$702 in North Carolina is Smallest.

WASHINGTON, December 30 .- Approximately \$500,000 was spent by can-didates of all parties in the campaign preceding the first popular election of United States Senators last November. Sworn statements of expenditures filed with the Secretary of State shows a total of \$460,777.25 spent by senatorial candidates in thirty-one States. Of this grand total, \$188,847.99 was contributed to the candidates, who themselves contributed to their campaigns \$271,929.56.
The Democrats lead with \$242,895.90.

Republican candidates spent \$156,884.-33; Progressives, \$55,158.94; Prohibi-tionists, \$4,443.28; Socialists, \$354.74, ENATE CONTINUES DEBATE
ON LITERACY-TEST SECTION
of Is Expected To-Day on Provision
of Immigration Bill, Which
Is in Dispute.
WASHINGTON, December 30 D totalled \$41,492.63. North Carolina where Senator Overman was re-elected, reported the smallest expenditure—a total of \$702.65. South Carolina reported \$4,420.50.

Atlantic freight rates on cotton from Savannah to new high records, local Savannah to new high records, local exporters say. Cotton here is bringing an average price of about \$35 a bale,

an average price of about \$35 a bale, and the quoted freight rate to Bremen is approximately half that sum.

Ocean freight rates on cotton now compared to normal times are quoted by exporters as follows:

To Bremen, now \$18.75, formerly \$1.75 per bale; to Rotterdam, \$12.50, against \$1.75; to Gothenberg, \$11.25, against \$3; to Havre, \$5.50, against \$2.5 to Liverpool and Manchester, \$4.35, against \$1.75; to Genoa, \$5.50, against \$2.75; to Barcelona, \$5, against \$3.25.

Cotton factors here contend that the increase in freight rates was largely responsible for the low prices the staple now brings in domestic markets. It would be impossible they said to pay It would be impossible they said to pay more than \$35 a bale here, meet the high freight charges and sell the cotton at even a modest profit in European

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Tobacco Chewers"-

FRANCE PLANS TO INVADE **GERMANY WITH AIRCRAFT**

Hundreds of Armored Biplanes and Monoplanes Will Be Rendy to Sweep Across Frontier in Spring.

NEW YORK, December 30 -- France is building two great fleets of air-crafts, armed with cannon, darts and bombs, with which to invade Germany in the spring, according to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican aviator, who arrived here to-night from Europe on the Cunard liner Carpathia.

Hundreds of armored biplanes, each carrying a small cannon and bombs, and numerous monoplanes equipped and numerous monoplanes equipped with bombs and steel darts, will be ready to sweep across the German frontier when winter is past, Chaps The monoplanes are intended mainly

for scout work, and will make a speed of 120 miles an hour. All the acroof 120 miles an hour. All the aeroplanes will have a cruising radius of
130 miles, from the frontiers, said
Chapa, and attacks will be made by
large divisions. The aviators to man
these machines are being trained in
several large schools established for
the purpose, he said.

Chapa, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is to go to Mexico City to construct aeroplanes for the Mexican government.

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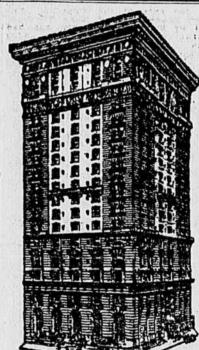
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